SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 864 By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Alan Glen Knox, 2004 Salutatorian of Coffee County Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Alan Glen Knox is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class at Coffee County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Alan has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Alan has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Alan is a Coca-Cola Scholars National Semifinalist, a Toyota Community Scholars National Semifinalist, and he was selected as a Boys' State County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his academic achievement, Alan is a superb artist and was one of five National Finalists in the Reebok/NBA Inside Stuff Art 4 Kids Contest and was awarded fourth place in the Nation in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest; and

WHEREAS, Alan Knox has also established himself as a gifted athlete who has played a vital role on the Football team, Basketball team as a two-time varsity letterman, and the Track team as a four-time varsity letterman; for his prowess on the football field and on the track, Mr. Knox has several awards and honors, including selection as a State Top Ten Finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award, and 8th place in State AAA 16 meter run; and

WHEREAS, lending his support to several notable organizations, Alan holds membership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes serving as President, National Honor Society serving as President, and the Art Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, always striving to improve his community, Alan was responsible for spearheading the Senior Tragedy Art Fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his church, Mr. Knox is an important part of the church youth group and has participated in three evangelistic/work trips; he has also worked with two national Christian rappers, Dr. Cheddar and King Cyz; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knox's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, valuing higher education, Alan plans to attend Union University; and WHEREAS, Alan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Gary and Melissa Knox, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Alan Knox's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Coffee County Central High School Salutatorian, Alan Glen Knox, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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